## Thanksgiving Script November 25, 2003

Thanksgiving and the holidays are a time for returning home and reuniting with family, friends, and loved ones around the dinner table to give thanks about the past year.

But for many Mississippi families this year, there is an empty chair at the dinner table. Thousand of Mississippi National Guard members are deployed serving their country.

While we are with our friends and families, it is important for us to remember those who are serving overseas or do not have a family to go home to.

We remember and give to others by donating items to local shelters, by giving food and our time at a local soup kitchen, or by visiting with someone who isn't able to leave their home.

We can invite someone over to dinner, call someone to wish them a Happy Thanksgiving, or take food to a local nursing home.

These are all very simple things, which do not require a lot of our time, yet would mean everything to someone during the holidays.

I encourage every Mississippian to commit themselves and their time to a worthy cause this holiday season and throughout the year.

This is Governor Ronnie Musgrove wishing everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.